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For: MELT BLENDED HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE COMPOSITIONS WITH ENHANCED PROPERTIES AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 1711
Examiner: Thao T. Tran

In the above referenced application, we are herewith filing: 1) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal [Form PTO/SB/30] (2 pages); 2) Transmittal Form PTO/SB/21 (1 page); and 3) Petition for Extension of Time [for three months] Form PTO/SB/22 in duplicate (2 pages).

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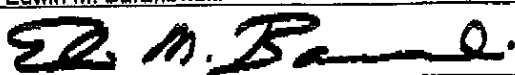
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